

Charter Review Commission

March 18, 2010

Minutes

6:30 PM

Call to order: Mr. Ray called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present at this meeting tonight were Cal Caswell, Brandon Kern, William Ray, David Rinkes, Roger White, Joe Wildenthaler, Nancy Schirm Wright, Beth Bayless and Heather Bolin. Also in attendance were Mr. Gene Hollins, Council members and Mayor Ebert.

Mr. Chatfield joined at 6:55pm and Mr. Bennett joined at 6:56pm

Opening Remarks:

Chair, Bill Ray, welcomed members, Council members and Mayor Ebert.

MINUTES

Mr. Brandon Kern moved to accept the minutes from the February 18th, 2010 meeting; seconded by Mr. Joe Wildenthaler.

Motion passed with all ayes.

New Items for Discussion:

- **Discussion with Mayor and Council Members of current charter and changes they are interested in the Commission considering.**

It was suggested that information should be gathered from residents. It was explained that the meetings are open to the public and that the agenda and packets are distributed to 5 different media outlets. Mrs. Mershon suggested inviting the public to come and speak out on how they would like their Village to be run over the last few years. Mrs. Turner stated that she would not like to have an administrator, along with the Mayor. Mrs. Mershon disagreed. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between strong Mayors, weak Mayors and Administrators, pros and cons and which cities have each, as well as what they want to see in the future for the Village.

The process of declaring an emergency for legislation and whether or not it took away certain rights from the community was discussed.

It was discussed that the 2005 Commission suggested that no Council member serve as chair on more than one Committee. This option was discussed, along with the Information Services Committee and whether a Technology Committee could be created through Council Rules. The creation of precincts was discussed.

- **Work product of the 2005 Commission**

This will be discussed at later meetings.

- **Village to City Transition**

Ms. Osborn sent out information to the members in their packets. She stated that when the Census Bureau sends in their information to the Secretary of State who will then issue a proclamation declaring the population of Canal Winchester. That proclamation will be sent to the Mayor who is charged to give it to the Legislative Authority and from that date forward it is 30 days and we are a city. It happens very quickly.

Four main areas change with the transition...Personnel procedures with Civil Service and Collective bargaining, Determination of Health district, elected officials retain status as “Village” until the time that they are re-elected as “City” members and financial disclosure will come into play. Discussion ensued.

Old/New Business:

- Next Meeting Date – was changed from Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM to Thursday, April 8th, 2010 at 6:30pm

They asked to start the meeting with public comments and invite the Rod Davison, the Mayor of Obetz & lawyer from Bricker & Eckler to speak, as well as staff members. It will be advertised as a public meeting through the papers, Twitter and Facebook.

Adjournment:

Mr. Bennet moved to adjourn this meeting of the Charter Review Commission and was seconded by Mr. Wildenthaler.

Motion passed with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm